

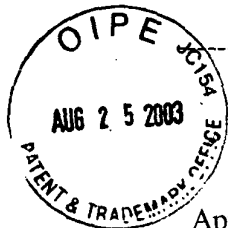
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-- PATENT --

Applicant: Clinton O. Fruitman

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DEVICES

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Honorable Commissioner:

Kindly advise the undersigned of the present status of this application. On April 21, 2003, the Examiner mailed out a Notice of Allowability requesting that corrected drawings be submitted for the above-captioned patent application. On June 6, 2003, corrected formal drawings were faxed and mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office. After receiving a phone call from the Examiner on June 19, 2003, an abstract was faxed to the Examiner at her request. Since that time, the undersigned has heard nothing further regarding the status of this application and has not received a Notice of Allowance. A self-addressed, postage paid return envelope is provided for your reply.

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